

ÉCOLE ALPHA SECONDARY SCHOOL

PAC MINUTES

Monday, January 10, 2022

Attendance via Zoom: Mr. Wozney, Ashley Sandquist, Melanie Sing, Janice Chiem, Donna Rae-Yeung, Arlene Elliott, Stace Dayment, Margo Hrennikoff, Gloria McKale, Anna Maria da Palma, Colin, Ella Ho, Peng Hui, Maricel Dela Cruz, Zoom User, Maria, Arthur Lin, Alan Mc, Ingrid, Edward, Hong, Theresa, Doreen Lee, Enric, RE, Wingor, Amy Tong, eFan, Ricardo Trejo, Xiaosu Tang, cFox, Dolan Sum, Susan, Sally Felkai, Heidi Fehlauer, Stig Tollefsen, Irene Li, Jane's iPhone, Doreen Li, Simone

Regrets: Raquel Do, Cindy Cheta

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Ashely welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- December minutes – motion was made by Gloria to approve minutes, Janice seconded, all in favor – motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Today was the first day of school after winter break. Students had one-week extended break as directed by the Provincial Health Authority Office and the Ministry of Education. There is no indication of any change to instruction such as learning group or hybrid model. Face to face instruction is still the best for students.
- School has implemented a few changes in the building to spread people out. Students will enter the school building by different entrance based on the grade they are in. They are told to go directly to their first class (after going to the lockers). This is to limit the number of students in the hallway. There are no more than 3 students in the bathroom at a time. Hand sanitizers are available throughout the school and if students (and staff) do not pass the daily health check, they should stay home and not go to the school.
- Functional closure: this is when there is not enough staff to work and provide instruction and supervision. If that's the case, the school will consult with the District and senior staff before making the decision. The District and Ministry are monitoring staff and student attendance and if there is a functional closure, then school will move to Teams instructions.
- Besides from functional closure, Provincial Health Office (PHO) can also do a health closure when there is an abnormally large number of students absent from school.
- Mr. Wozney does not know what is going to happen with graduation, Dry Grad, or school leaving ceremony as things are changing so quickly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Nothing to report as there was no activity in December
- General account balance in the bank: \$23,837
- Gaming account balance in the bank: \$38,411
- General account available balance for PAC use: \$20,837
- Gaming account available balance for PAC use: \$10,408
- Please email Melanie Sing for a copy of the full financial report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- The positions of Vice-Chairperson, Grade 8 rep, Mini school rep, and ELL rep are still open. If anyone is interested, please email the PAC executive mailbox.

CLASS REP REPORTS

- Grade 8 – Nothing to report
- Grade 9 – Nothing to report
- Grade 10 – Nothing to report
- Grade 11 – Parents would like to know if there is a new daily health check, Mr. Wozney said the health check is the same and that there are also other options such as mobile phone app from the Ministry and Ministry website.
(<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>)
There was concern of 3 classes sharing the library space because of a burst pipe. Mr. Wozney said a pipe burst the winter break and there was significant damage made to walls and ceiling. All rooms in the school are being used and there are no spare classrooms. The learning commons is big enough to hold 3 classes.
- Grade 12 – nothing to report
- Mini school – Nothing to report
- ELL – Nothing to report

DPAC

- DPAC has not met since the winter break, nothing to report.

FUNDRAISING

- Nothing to report

GRAD PARENT COMMITTEE:

- Nothing to report

COMMUNITY POLICE

- There wasn't a meeting in December so nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS from parents

- A parent would like to know if a student misses the provincial assessments, would there be an opportunity for them to make it up at another date. Mr. Wozney confirmed that yes, the students can make it up later.
- A parent would like to know how the teachers and students make up the course material that was missed last week. Mr. Wozney said teachers can do so in multiple ways and that the teachers will try their best to keep the students up to speed but the priority is health and safety.
- A parent asked if cloth masks are no longer acceptable. Mr. Wozney said the school has not been told that cloth masks are unacceptable, but the masks should be 3 ply. School has 3 ply masks for students if they forgot to bring one, however, he encourages parents to ensure each student has a spare mask in their school bag.
- A parent would like to know if the school will continue to have Grade 7 visits. Mr. Wozney said the provincial health mandate is to limit visitors to the building. If onsite visit is allowed later in the year and is safe, he would be happy to do it. The school open house on February 3 will be online this year.
- A parent would like to know where the students are having lunch. Mr. Wozney said lunch hour cannot be staggered without extending the school day. The students are encouraged to have their lunch outside of the building. There are a couple of large, covered areas outside and he has asked teachers to open as many classrooms as possible for students to have lunch. Another parent asked if it would be possible to bring cafeteria tables outside. Mr. Wozney said that would be a challenge as the tables are heavy and the furniture are not meant for outdoor use.
- A parent asked how it is handled with students who do not wear a mask at school. Mr. Wozney said the kids are good with wearing masks, there are only a couple of students with medical accommodation. In general, the students and staff have been compliant. If there is a teacher who does not wear a mask in class, please send Mr. Wozney an email and he will deal with the issue.
- A parent would like to know if there will be grade 9 immunizations at school this year. Mr. Wozney said the plan was to do it on site (for grade 9 and 10 students), but he has to double check on the date. If parents would like to find out the date, please send him an email. Otherwise, the students can get the immunization at their family doctor.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:45pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES OF INTEREST

- Jan 10: School reopens
- Jan 13: Career Ed Info Evening at Central (via Zoom)
- Jan 18: AMC 8 Math Contest
- Jan 24-28: Provincial Assessment Week – Literacy 10/12, Numeracy 10
- Jan 28: Semester turn around
- Jan 31: First day of Semester 2